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METROPOLITAN-ILLAWARRA KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

The full draw is as follows:

First Round.

Gladesville-Ryde v Balmain
Corrimal v Canterbury.
Remaining teams, byes.

Second Round.

1—Canterbury or Corrimal v Gownie.
2—Balmain or Gladesville v Annandale-Leichhardt.
3—St. George v Eastern Suburbs.
4—Granville v Pyrmont.

Semi-Finals

2 v 3
1 v 4

Matches and venues to be arranged by Metropolitan Management Committee.

Mother: I am afraid Mr. is not serious in his intention.
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Why Goals Are Scarce

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By a Scottish International Centre-Forward.

Good Games with the Score Blank

So far as I am concerned, it does not seem to matter very much whether a side wins the championship by superior defence or ultra-brilliant attack, or whether one man breaks the individual record in a season, so long as the general standard of play is satisfactory. Some of the best games in which I have ever taken part have ended as they started—with the score blank.

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Goals are the spice of football. There cannot be any doubt about the fact so far as the onlooker is concerned. It has been suggested to me more than once in the last season that spectators are not getting so much of the spice as they have a right to expect. When I replied, as I am always inclined to do, that perhaps the spectators think goal-scoring an easier business than it actually is, one particular friend of mine brought out figures which are a little bit startling.

My friend draws my attention to the fact that in the last year of normal football before the war, both the First and Second Division championship in England—West Bromwich and Tottenham Hotspur—scored over one hundred goals. In the last year, however, like one hundred goals have been scored since by the most profitable side in the two divisions.

My friend declares that Liverpool, First Division, has been notoriously better in defence than attack; and that last season Notts County, champions of the Second Division, only averaged about a goal and a quarter per match.

Of a last convincing bit of evidence, that goal-scoring is not what it used to be, my friend tells me why no player with a club has beaten the record set up by Bert Freeman, who scored seven years or so ago, of 10 goals himself in the course of a campaign. This total has been exceeded since the war, but the number of matches has also been

However, granted that goals are not scored so frequently as they used to be, and that consequently the spectator is not so well satisfied with his football, it may be of interest to analyse the game as played just now with a view to finding out the reasons for the drop in the goal-scoring.

The first obvious reply, of course, is that forwards are not so good as they were—centre forwards especially. This may be true. I am not in the best position to judge, being a centre forward myself. And yet, when you come to think of it, there are other possible explanations of the drop in goal scoring which, my friend says, has been so noticeable in football of the past season or two. To my way of thinking, there cannot be any doubt about one important factor—that defensive methods all round have been tightened up considerably.

I have discussed modern football with dozens of old players, and on one point they are practically all agreed—that defensive play generally is of a higher standard than it used to be, not so much individually, but in the collective sense.

For one thing we have, speaking for the clubs as a whole, come to think it rather necessary for a full-back to be possessed of considerable speed. In the old days this was about the last thing asked of a full-back. It follows that the faster the full-backs the further can they advance up the field with safety, and the earlier nip the efforts of the opposition in the bud. Personally, I think the present standard of full-back play, in the combined sense, higher than it has ever been in my time.

The Defensive Centre-Half.

But there is a factor in this drop in goal-scoring even greater than the better combined play of the full-backs, and that factor is the defensive centre-half. It may be that club managers, as a whole, think that defence is better than attack for the centre-half, or it may be that by some curious coincidence we have just recently turned out a race of centre half-backs whose ideas are more destructive than constructive. Whatever the cause, there does not seem to be any disputing the fact that the big business of the average centre-half in these days is to prevent the other fellows from getting goals, rather than in helping his own side to get them. In other words the centre-half, in whose pocket is the "policy" of every team, seems to have decided that defence comes first and attack afterwards.

It is not for me to individualise on this matter. Rather should I like the reader to look round for himself and try to find say, half a dozen attacking centre half-backs in the best class of football to-day. For every one of this type I guarantee that he will find seven or eight who obviously go on the field obsessed with the idea that their business is to prevent the opposing centre-forward from getting goals.

The Policeman Centre-Half.

And, believe me, is isn't easy "stealing" goals with the policeman centre-half—usually a tremendous fellow—for ever on the track. When, instead of a race of destructors, we get a race of constructive centre-half-backs, then there will be more goals scored in big football, and the play as a whole will be better.

There is another ultra-modern tendency which should be worked, too, lest it should further affect goal-scoring. This tendency is for the two inside wing forwards to fall back on the slightest sign of danger.

I know wing half-backs to-day who will shout almost continuously through a match to their inside wing forward to come back to give them a helping hand. This is all very well in its way, and there are times when the help is urgently required. But the wing half should really try to do his

job so as to leave his forward line at full strength to beat the other fellows. We don't want the game to become a case of five half-backs and three forwards. If it does, then goals will indeed become scarce.

AFRICA WANTS AN AUSSIE TEAM.

(By A.J.B.).

(From the "Sydney Referee").

Last week I called attention to South Africa's playing standard, and suggested that Australia should invite a Springbok team to tour the Commonwealth and New Zealand next season. The F.A. is unlikely to send South Africa a team.

But the Africans suggest that an Australian team tour Africa. Mr. George Vander (formerly of Brisbane) sends me the following cutting from "The Cape Times" on the subject:

"In view of the fact that the E.F.A. has sent a Soccer team to Australia, we have our doubts about the F.A. accepting our invitation. We do not think the F.A. in two successive seasons will be prepared to ask clubs to release players for overseas tours. Maybe in another two seasons England may send us a good professional team, and, incidentally, in view of our successes in Britain last year, I do not think the powers that be in Russell Square will consent to the trip unless they can send a really representative side. England cannot afford to take risks with the Soccer prestige, and from what transpired in Britain last season, I should think we are probably the strongest Soccer playing country of any of the British Dominions. I mean from a playing point of view. If this English tour cannot take place, and really I cannot see clubs releasing players two seasons in succession, it might not be a bad alternative plan to invite an Australian team over here.

Far Afield.

"It seems strange that English League Clubs should go so far afield as South Africa for players. I do not think it has ever been known in the history of Soccer

for players to actually take trip to England for the set purpose of playing in League ball, as Dave Murray and are on the eve of doing. South African-born players participated in English Soccer, but they have had baptism in local league football as amateurs before entering ranks of First League clubs. by County once had its Egyptian forward, and Glasgow Rangers went to Denmark; I think it was for a centre-forward, whilst Newcastle United were once tempted to go all out for a Spanish goalkeeper, but no club has gone miles for players, as have Everton and Liverpool."

(Jennings, a Sydney club player, was engaged by Tottenham Hotspur while he was taking part in matches here, so Tottenham hold the long distance record. A.J.B.).

THE ENGLISH TEAM WELCOMED ON RETURN.

London, August 31.

A Council meeting of the Football Association (Soccer) here welcomed Mr. John Lewis and A. C. Frowde, managers of the team which toured Australia. They decided to present them with a letter, containing a list of valuable services to the game, and regard to the Australian and South African tours. The Council decided to present each member of the team with an honorary cap and a gold medal.

In acknowledging the welcome, Mr. Lewis said that the players throughout were very loyal, and some of their displays were better than those of some of the best international teams here.

Mr. Lewis handed over the Association the flag he received from Sir Samuel Hordern, Governor of New South Wales. He added that the game was going ahead in Australia, and expressed hope that Soccer would soon become the predominant sport there.—Reuter.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

What the Juniors intend to do next year to prevent the number of juniors playing in under-18 competitions?

GARDINER CUP.

Kurri v. Eastern Suburbs.

the "Newcastle Herald")

Above teams met in their Gardiner Cup tie at the Hay Ground on Saturday. The of the unpleasant weather was a large crowd. Eastern Suburbs were with Addocks and D. Pozdelik, going full-back, and Peel forwards, while Ballard Thompson came into the Kurri were as originally

going in, when Goodwin twisted round and knocked it away. Easts appealed for a goal, but the referee ignored the appeal. The next thrill occurred at the other end, when Stewart's shot was cleared by Wyatt. The ball rebounded to Stewart, who again shot as Wyatt moved out, and blocked the ball. Half-time arrived with the score:—Kurri 1, Eastern Suburbs, 0.

In the second half Kurri's first attack was put behind. Then Bennie cleared from Price. After this Easts had the better of the game. But the Kurri backs were very solid, and cleared under all conditions. The Sydney men tried hard, but were weak in their inside men. Smith could not get a move on before he was covered by defenders. Play fell away, and both sides appeared to tire. Near the end Kurri attacked, and Price found himself in front of goal with only Wyatt to beat, so Price sent the ball high over the bar, and lost a golden opportunity. The end arrived with the score: Kurri 1, Eastern Suburbs 0.

Kurri.—Goal, N. Goodbacks, W. Stewart, and J. half-backs, S. Kidd, W. and R. Bower; forwards, J. Stewart, N. Price, M. and S. Garthland.
Eastern Suburbs.—Goal, W. backs, A. Bennie and A. half-backs, S. Peel, N. and W. Ballard; forwards, R. Noble, C. O'Connor, A. A. Thompson, and R. Mait-

re, F. Harvey.
won the toss, and kicked the Glebe goal. Smith ball in motion, but Thompson was stopped by Bower, went to the left. Garthland and centred, Wyatt halted Allen's shot. Kurri the attack, and Price while McNabb's hard was stopped by Wyatt. The team got away on the Nobbs put to O'Connor, went to the left. Maitland the ball, and O'Connor in. Goodwin cleared. the ball, and Goodwin cleared. The game so far brilliant, with the forward both sides moving at a pace. Neither side could straight, and at both ends were missed. Kurri led Garthland shot. Wyatt to fist the ball as Stewart charged him. The ball to Price, who shot into with Allen on the ground al mouth. The reverse life into East's attack. cleared. The ball was in, when Beddow but could not clear Smith was on the ball, and Goodwin again clearing. returned, Goodwin knocked on to the post. It was

Percentage of representation and other details to be discussed by 1926 Conference. Ages preferred, not exceeding 15 years at 30th June.

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Gen. Hon. Sec. P.S.A.A.A.,
Sydney.

PROGRESS IN VICTORIA.

Mr. H. J. Dockerty (president of the V.F.A.), in a brief letter to the "Sydney Referee," says: "We are having a very successful season in Victoria, but what with the English visit and drawn Cup ties, it is going to be prolonged—probably the beginning of November before we close.

"Interest in the game is very marked, especially amongst the juniors, which augurs well for the code in our State. Altogether, the outlook for the game in this part of the continent is very bright, no doubt due in some degree to the recent visit of the English International team.

"I am afraid the gate charges were much too high for the English matches, and, in my opinion, this has resulted in a 50 per cent. benefit instead of the full 100 per cent. had the public received its due consideration, at least after the tour became a financial success. However, we hope for a much better organisation before the next International visit to or from this country.

INTERSTATE SCHOOLS' SOCCER CONFERENCE.

Held at Education Department, Sydney, August, 1925, 2 sessions. Attendance: Messrs. Bishop, Reid, Archer (South Australia), Kinross, Bingham (Victoria), Walker, Bernoth (Queensland), Gordon, Lynch, Atkins (New South Wales)
Decisions:—

1. "Re duration of games and substitutes," practice prevailing in "home" State be observed.
2. "Re 1926 Carnival," to be held in Adelaide early in August.
3. Recommendation to 1926 Conference that the 1927 carnival be staged in Melbourne.
4. Competitors in 1926 must not have exceeded their 15th birthdays on 1st May, 1926.
5. The Commonwealth Football Association be urged to accept their responsibility and provide an Australian Challenge Trophy.
6. Preliminary organisation of a team to visit England was left to Mr. Bishop—Committee to consist of one representative per State. Each State to finance its quota.

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FIRST GRADE.

EASTERN SUBURBS v. ST. GEORGE.

AT EASTON PARK — 3.15 P.M.

EASTERN SUBURBS

(Red, White and Blue Stripes)

W. Wyatt

1—A. Rigby

2—O. Pozdelik

3—B. Thompson

4—N. Wilkins

5—T. Barber

6—S. Nobbs

7—C. O'Connor

9—S. Peel

10—R. C. Martin

8—J. Smith

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7—C. Hayes

10—F. Melliar-Smith

20—R. Woods

8—H. Burns

6—A. Laver

5—J. Picken

4—J. Tranter

3—R. Chiswell

2—G. Smart

12—T. Smart

L. Evans

ST. GEORGE

(Red and White Stripes)

Reserves—Eastern Suburbs: 11—Bouquet; 13—W. Thomas

14—A. Briggs.

Reserves—St. George: 9—W. Glachan; 12—C. Cavenor.

Referee: G. McGrath.

Linesmen: Messrs. E. J. Martin and H. Battin.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP* (GARDINER CUP).

BALGOWNIE v. WESTON.

AT BALGOWNIE — 3.15 P.M.

BALGOWNIE

(Black and White)

H. Masters

1—P. Hunter

2—J. Parker

3—W. Johnstone

4—S. Learmonth

5—H. Johnstone

6—A. McMahon

7—D. Ward

9—J. Scarlet

10—J. Smith

8—J. Masters

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(Team not available at press).

WESTON

Reserves—Balgownie: 11—W. Adie.

Referee: C. R. Brown.

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BALMAIN v. CANTERBURY.
AT IBROX PARK — 3.15 P.M.

BALMAIN

(Black and Gold Stripes)

1—R. Leadbetter 2—S. Jelfs
3—J. Fisher 4—G. Storey 5—W. Byers
6—Baxter 7—H. McLeod 9—F. Hancock 10—F. Ramsay
8—J. Sinclair
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11—L. Cook 8—C. Bennett 7—Howard 6—E. Burns
5—Whitehead 4—R. Robinson 3—C. Loveridge
2—F. Clark 1—McLaren

Little.

CANTERBURY

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Balmain: 11—C. O'Donnell; 20—N. White.
Canterbury: 11—Stannard; 12—Alewood; 13—W. Cook
Referee: W. Wright.
Linesmen: Messrs. H. Cockwell and F. C. Packer.

LINCOLN CUP.

BALMAIN v. EASTERN SUBURBS — 1.45 P.M.

BALMAIN

W. Hughes

13—W. Ferguson 17—S. Jelfs
15—A. Robertson 16—L. Jelfs 14—R. White
Parker 18—R. Baxter 21—W. Orr 23—H. Watson
12—W. Buttel

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21—J. Hetherington
Easterfield 22—Turville 20—W. Miller 19—S. Dickens
18—A. Gray 17—Ballard 16—O'Connor
15—T. Murtis 14—T. Maddocks

C. Jarvis

EASTERN SUBURBS

(Red, White and Blue Stripes)

Balmain: 20—N. White; 24—W. Cunningham.
Eastern Suburbs: 24—Rafter; 25—A. Thomas.
Referee: T. Anderson.

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ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT v. GLADESVILLE

AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 2 — 2.15 P.M.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.
(Black)

G. Cartwright

1—W. Simms

8—W. Selby

3—A. Owen

4—D. Downing

5—L. Lane

6—J. Gigg

7—G. Turner

9—L. Brisbane

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2—J. Crum

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7—F. Wright

10—H. Robertson 9—N. Henson 8—G. Macfarlane

3—H. Spurway

4—W. Maizey

12—

2—E. Pont

1—S. Montgomery

F. Anderson

GLADESVILLE-RYDE
(Maroon)

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13—S. Quinn.

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GLADESVILLE v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE — 1.45 P.M.
GRANVILLE.

C. Callaghan

13—Stevens

14—Bainbridge

15—Ritchie

16—Hawksley

17—Ladbury

19—Davies 20—Williams 21—D. McKay 22—Gates

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30—J. Ashton

31—J. Wallace 16—J. Simmons 28—R. Murray

29—Fowler

13—D. Steel

26—H. Gay

27—J. Lyons

23—T. Ellis

J. Fowler

GLADESVILLE-RYDE

Gladesville-Ryde: 22—T. Graham; 24—W. Dey.

Referee: J. Doidge.

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The football season opened under summer conditions. The thermometer registered 75 degrees in the shade.

A crowd of 50,000 saw the Woolwich Arsenal-Tottenham Hotspur match at Highbury. The ambulance men were busy attending heat cases.

Results:—

First League.—Tottenham Hotspurs beat Woolwich Arsenal 1—0; West Ham beat Manchester United 1—0; Huddersfield and West Bromwich Albion, a draw, 1—1; Aston Villa beat Burnley, 10—0; Leicester City beat Liverpool, 3—1; Sunderland beat Birmingham, 3—1; Bolton Wanderers and Newcastle United drew, 2—2; Manchester City beat Cardiff, 3—2; Everton and Sheffield United drew, 2—2; Notts County beat Leeds United, 1—0; Bury beat Blackburn Rovers, 2—1.

Second League.—Chelsea beat Bradford City, 2—0; Middlesbrough beat Portsmouth, 5—1; Portvale beat Clapham Orient, 2—1; Sheffield Wednesday beat Fulham, 3—0; South Shields beat Swansea, 2—1; Oldham Athletic beat Barnsley, 2—1; Wolverhampton beat Preston Northland, 3—0; Darlington and Notts Forest drew, 0—0; Hull City and Derby County drew, 0—0; Blackpool beat Southampton, 2—1; Stoke City beat Stockport County, 3—0.

The centre forward Buchan, for whose transfer Woolwich Arsenal agreed to pay Sunderland £100 for every goal he kicked in addition to £1500 in cash, is not proving costly so far in the new season. In each of the opening games he has failed to score.

The aggregate attendance at football yesterday was 775,000.

The amended off-side rule is welcomed, resulting in brighter and faster football and fewer stoppages. Contrary to expectations, goals are still hard to obtain. To-day's 64 Anglo-Scottish matches produced 180 goals, compared with 127 on the opening day of 1924.

Balgownie v. Corrimal.

(From the "South Coast Times")

Last week's game at Corrimal between the two best teams on the Coast whetted the appetite of those who like good vigorous football. There were no lulls in the game despite the heavy wind. Referee C. Brown kept absolute control, and although injuries were more than usual they were in all cases the results of accidents, rather than of foul play. The local team were unlucky in losing A. Druery just on half time, colliding with J. Masters he twisted his knee in falling and probably will not be able to play again this year. Cob Jones and Arthur Kerr were also injured, but their injuries were also accidents. The pick of the paddock was Critcher, who on his recent form is the best full back in the State. For Corrimal, with the exception of Jones and A. Kerr, who were injured in the first half and consequently could not give of their best, all players showed fine form. With the exception of Scadding and H. Masters (the latter playing at outside left) Balgownie played their usual game. To-morrow's game should be witnessed by a record crowd. Gate takings at Corrimal were over £27.

Corrimal Ground.

The recent returns at Corrimal have put new heart into the local team. They are going ahead with a scheme for further improvements. Plans have been passed for a dressing room; it will be a brick structure of two rooms, two bathrooms, and store room, and will cost £125.

A resident of the town who is not in business has offered £5 towards the dressing room fund provided five other gentlemen donate a like amount. This is the spirit that will help the club make Corrimal the premier sporting ground on the Coast. There should surely not be much difficulty in finding another five gentlemen imbued with the same sporting spirit.

During the close season, the playing area will be thoroughly top-dressed.

OLD STYLE.

THEY SAY

That the Balgownie game in the Metropolitan warra knock-out competition Saturday, at the Sydney Ground No. 2, will be a game.

The odds are on the Cup Final being played at castle.

Corrimal will be Adamstown in the game to-day, but that Balgownie be at Weston.

That there is every chance the finalists for the Metropolitan Illawarra knock-out being Gladesville and Granville.

That it is good luck for Gladesville Seconds, that Premiers did not get another to play them in the League.

Referee Bates is making and is a very popular referee.

The "Professional" on the South Coast is a "wag" and that the amateurs pay liberal expenses than the professionals.

There is great rivalry between the three lowest clubs in the competition—Pymont, Eastern Suburbs, and St. George's—they being desirous of beating the "wooden-spooners" for a year of district football.

Gladesville-Ryde, the winners in under the district scheme, distinctly unfortunate to have won the Metropolitan League in the first year.

That Alf. Edwards is a better full-back than a centre-forward played a great game yesterday.

That Gladesville made a tactical error in not "feeding" wings in the second half, as soon as it was realised the centre-forward Wright was in an off day, something should have been transferred to that position.

That either full-back or right-winger Hain would have been a success in the position.

That Granville were "sixes and sevens" and were

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OULD LIKE TO KNOW.

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of the Pyrmont Club.

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upheld, and 14 who
at all, while only 11
the appeal.

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"THE STORE FOR MEN."

Whether Granville intend sup-
porting Auburn's affiliation for a
district next year, and if Auburn
are admitted, who will be
dropped?

* * *
Whether the New South Wales
scheme is going to eventuate, and
if so what effect it will have on
the district scheme.

WASTING TIME.

At a meeting of the Tasmanian
Soccer Association a referee re-
ported instances of players delib-
erately kicking the ball out of
touch for the purpose of wasting
time.

It was resolved to bring the
matter under the notice of the
Tasmanian Council with a view to
urging the International Board
(through the Commonwealth As-
sociation) to introduce a law of
the game whereby a free-kick
could be awarded against a player
deliberately kicking out for the
purpose of wasting time.

S.A. DOWN TASMANIA.

The Interstate match between
Tasmania and South Australia at-
tracted about 2000 Soccerites at
North Hobart ground on Saturday
afternoon. Among those present
were the Governor, Sir James
O'Grady, Bishop Hay, and other
notabilities. The Governor kick-
ed off to the accompaniment of
hearty cheers.

South Australia played with
great determination, and secured
two goals before Tasmania start-
ed to score. Just before half-
time Stonor scored Tasmania's
first goal, and at the bell South
Australia led 2—1. In the second
half Tasmania equalised. Subse-
quently South Australia forged
ahead and won by 4 goals to 3.

For South Australia, Addie
played a clinking game, and splen-
did work was also done by Cam-
eron, Inkersoll, Draper, and Walls.
Norman, of Tasmania, was easily
the best man of the day, and
Honeysett, Stonor, and Holton
were his best supporters.

Metropolitan Junior Association

Officers.

Mr. A. Robinson, Hon. Secretary, succeeded Mr. J. Fitzgibbon, who was transferred to Orange in the service of the N.S.W. Govt. Railways.

Mr. Robinson was the Hon. Secretary of the late Dulwich Hill Football Club two years ago, where he demonstrated his worth as an organiser and capable Secretary. In season 1924, Mr. Robinson was asst. Hon. Secretary of the M.J.S.F.A., when he gave the then Secretary, Mr. Fitzgibbon, considerable assistance in the many and various duties associated with his office; his work in committee was keen, and he rendered valuable service in the management of the Association. At the annual meeting, season 1925, he was again elected asst. Hon. Secretary. On the resignation of Mr. J. Fitzgibbon, he was elected Hon. Secretary of the Association, in which position he has worked with untiring effort, giving of his best which has been keenly appreciated by his fellow officers; he is a good debater, and a staunch believer in the cause of junior football, where he gets a great deal of happiness.

The Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Geo. Harget, Hon. Treasurer, is well known to most football followers, being a member of the Sydney Referees' Association for many years. Mr. Harget was a member of the Management Committee during season 1924, where he rendered trojan service. On Mr. E. D. Jones not seeking re-election in 1925, Mr. Harget was elected Hon. Treasurer. As Treasurer Mr. Harget is always on the lookout for the dollar, and like all successful Treasurers he is not keen on seeing money paid out once he gets his hands on it.

Mr. Harget has given valuable assistance to the Association, always ready and willing to give his services for the advancement of the code. He is deserving of great praise for the time given and the work achieved on Primrose Park, and only one possessed of a love for the game and the juniors could give such service. It is hoped he will continue long

in office for the benefit of the Junior Association.

Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Mr. W. Rudd, the baby of the Association, Hon. Secretary of Warren Avoca during seasons 1924 and 1925, was paid the compliment of being the most efficient Club Secretary during season 1924, when 40 odd clubs were affiliated. At the annual meeting of this season, Mr. J. Fitzgibbon being on the lookout for a good asst. Hon. Secretary, nominated Mr. Rudd, who was duly elected, thus confirming his choice.

Mr. Rudd, who is only 17 years of age, is apprenticed to a firm of Public Accountants in the city, he being of pleasant, unassuming disposition, always wearing a genial smile, a willing worker, and popular officer.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 5th, 1925.

Charity Cup.

Easton Park v Lilyfield B, Primrose Park, 3.15.

Leichhardt Juniors v Newtown Juniors (deferred).

Granville Cup Final.

Botany Rechabites v Wentworth Juniors, Primrose Park, 1.45.

C Grade, Division 1—Photo Competition.

Erskineville Rangers v Lilyfield, Cooks River, 3 p.m.

Annndale Athletic v Annandale

Waratahs, Algrie Park, 2 p.m.

Leichhardt Juniors the bye.

C Grade, Division 2—Photo Competition.

Rozelle Waratahs v Alexandria, Algrie Park, 3.15.

Balmain Gladstones v Wentworth Juniors (deferred).

COMPETITION TABLES.

	ALL AGE							Goals	
	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	
L'hardt Js.	12	11	1	—	3	45	12	22	
City United	12	10	2	—	3	50	9	20	
*Glebe Dia.	11	3	6	2	3	15	30	8	
*Five Dock	11	2	9	—	3	15	40	4	
Plywood Rov.	12	1	9	2	3	7	41	4	

	A GRADE							Goals	
	P	B	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	
Lilyfield	12	10	—	2	2	53	13	22	
Easton Park	12	9	1	2	2	26	5	20	
Newtown Js.	12	7	2	3	2	16	10	17	
Alexandria J	12	5	7	—	2	20	35	10	
Sunlight	12	4	8	—	2	7	37	8	
Leichhardt J	12	2	10	—	2	17	30	4	
Bal St. Marys	12	—	11	1	2	9	18	1	

B GRADE

	P	W	L
Lilyfield	12	10	1
Rozelle Wara	12	10	2
Banksmeadow	12	7	3
An. Federals	12	4	6
*Warren Av.	11	3	5
Punch Park	12	1	9
*L'hardt Js.	11	1	10

*Denotes one match

C GRADE, D

	P	W	L
Wentwth Js.	12	11	—
Rozelle Wara	12	7	3
Lilyfield	12	5	6
An. Waratahs	12	6	4
L'hardt Js.	12	3	8
Bal Gladstone	12	2	7
Five Dock	12	—	11

C GRADE, D

	P	W	L
Botany Recs	16	13	1
Alexandria	16	12	2
Ers'ville Rgs	14	9	5
An. Athletic	14	5	9
Glebe Jnrs.	14	2	11
Stanmore Utd	14	—	13

DO YOU KNOW

The capital investment in English tour is being made by Associations and investors immediately. Small profit has been made, and this will be over until the accounts are audited early in October.

The Commonwealth Auditor is Mr. Melbourne.

The New South Wales sheet for the English tour over £6000 excess of expenditure in this tour, of course, was sufficient to nearly the whole of the expenses of the tour.

"Poor Bickers has a hearted wife," said "What's the trouble with his friend. "She not the broomstick over made him go to the other."

Parent: Willie, I'm hear you say such n. Do you learn them Willie: Learn 'em at it's me that teaches boys.

George: Don't you that we ought to know better before we get Mamie: I am afraid us would be willing to if we did.

JUNIOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

THE HOBART WANDERERS v. METROPOLIS.

SOUTH HOBART

(Red and Blue)

Inman

1—Cruise (Capt.)

2—Anning

3—Griffith

4—Douglas

5—Eberle

7—Joseph

8—Woods

9—Tait

10—Sainsbury

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11—Allan (Manly) 12—Allen (M.J.F.A.) 13—Haynes (E. Suburbs) 14—Bowman (Canterbury)

15—A. Chessel (P.C.S.F.A.)

16—Hornby (E. Suburbs)

17—Watson (M.J.F.A.)

18—Froome (M.J.F.A.)

19—Crowhurst (Canterbury)

Kelly (Canterbury)

METROPOLIS

(Red, White and Blue)

Juniors' Visit.

Hobart Wanderers, combination, arrived in Sunday, and were wharf by the Chair- Secretary of the Board, Howard and F. C. with delegates various Associations the Board.

is managed by Mr. whose son is a player, combination, prac- ing under 21 years. ing all their own expenses, whilst Soccer have kindly arranged players during their

the trip to be under- team, by means of etc., raised the of £120, to pay for a magnificent are the first junior to leave Tasmania to strength against New

part of the itinerary managed by the Junior Control, who have ar- programme of entertainments.

set down are:— 1st, v Manly As- at Manly.

Thursday, 3rd, v. P.C.S.F.A., at Primrose Park.

Saturday, 5th, v Combined Me- tropolis, at Canterbury.

Wednesday, 9th, they will con- clude their Sydney matches by playing a return match against Metropolis at Canterbury Sports Ground.

During their stay in Sydney all members have been made hono- rary members of the N.S.W. Sports Club, which is very much appreciated by the players.

At Manly.

The first match of the tour was played on Tuesday last, on Manly Oval, which had been made avail- able by the local Council.

The team were given a civic welcome by the Mayor of Manly prior to the match; he presented to each player an autographed copy of the views of the village. The team selected by the Manly Association deserves very great credit for the exhibition of foot- ball they displayed; they were very unfortunate in being de- feated 3—2, a penalty goal being awarded against them in the sec- ond half. Despite the sodden ground the Tasmanian team also gave a splendid exhibition, the

passing movements being excel- lent. The teams were fairly even, and gave the few hundred spec- tators a good game.

The match will do much for the future of the game at Manly, and the officials of the Associa- tion appreciate to the full the honor of having the first match of the Tasmanian itinerary played in their area.

To-day's Game.

To-day, at Canterbury, the visi- tors will be pitted against a strong combined Metropolis eleven and will need to be all out to secure the honors.

After the match the teams will be entertained at a dinner by the Junior Board of Control.

The team to represent the Me- tropolis in the return match on Wednesday will be selected after the match to-day.

GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION WINNERS.

By defeating Canterbury Asso- ciation last Saturday, Granville secured the honor of "Champion Association of the Metropolis," which carries with it the holding of the Association Cup, presented by the M.S.F.A., for the next twelve months.

That these matches have crea- ted enthusiasm amongst the play- ers is beyond doubt, all being anxious to secure honors of re- presenting the Metropolis against the Tasmanians, and also the Newcastle Juniors, who are due to visit us during the present month.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Whether next year will be bar- ren of International visits, or whether the officials will see to it that Soccer is kept on the map.

Whether the Fiji players who desire to come here and play barefoot, can play football well, or whether they are "duds."

Whether South Africa is going to invite an Australian team to tour South Africa next year?

Protestant Churches Association

Last Saturday Holy Trinity A very nearly went under to St. Clements. The game was fast, but clean, from beginning to end, though the heavy rain tended to spoil the latter part of the game. The final result (a draw) was a true reflex of the game.

Unexpectedly Holy Trinity B proved themselves too good for St. Stephens by the odd goal in five. However, Trinity players want to watch themselves, and when ordered off the field should appear the following Tuesday.

In third grade there were no surprises.

To-day's Games.

To-day Holy Trinity A (First Grade Premiers) and Lakemba Congs. A (2nd Grade A Premiers) meet at Lakemba. Though the Congs. will be minus the services of "Mutt" Chessell (who is playing against Tasmania), the advantage of playing on their own ground should more than compensate them. All Saints A and Campsie Meths. A meet at Wardell Road No. 2, and it is thought that unless the Saints can reproduce their earlier form, the Meths. will have a walk-over.

All Souls and St. Bartholomews will play their deferred K.O. match at Campsie. On paper Souls should win. Croydon Congs A and Holy Trinity B will play the semi-final at Croydon. The Congs. should win, though Trinity reckon they won't.

The match of the day will be the early game on Leichhardt Flat, St. Bedes v St. Thomas A. This will be two games in one, as it will count as a K.O. match, also as competition match. Should the Rozelle team get there then the competition is theirs. Should St. Bedes win—and they have every chance—then St. Thomas will need to look to their laurels.

St. Silas should win, but Botany Meth. B will have to move to towel their contemporaries.

Tommy Vaux.

Though six months late this paper extends its hearty congratulations to Tommy, of St. Aidans. Bring the wife along, Tom, and

let her witness the presentation of your trophy.

The Tasmanians.

The P.C.S.F.A. extends a hearty welcome to Manager Douglas and his merry boys, and wishes them every success. The Churches were present when they landed, and played them last Thursday, gave them dinner at the Club, and then, by the courtesy of Sir Ben Fuller, a theatre party in the evening.

Presentation of Trophies.

This will take place in the Marrickville Town Hall, at 7.45 p.m., on Thursday, 1st October, 1925.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

First Grade K.O.
Teams to be notified.

2nd Grade K.O.
Teams to be notified.

3rd Grade, A Division.

Rozelle Meth. v Balmain Meth.,
Concord, 3.15.
Annandale Meth. v St. Johns B,
Croydon, 3.15.
Marrickville Pres. B v St. Bedes,
Lakemba, 3.15.
St. Thomas A v Austens, Leichhardt Flat, 1.45.
Lakemba Congs. B the bye.

3rd Grade, B Division.

H. Park Meth. v Botany Meth.
B, Centen. No. 1, 3.15.
St. James v St. Silas, Centen. No. 1, 1.45.
Botany Pres. v Campsie Congs,
Campsie, 1.45.
Croydon Congs. B v St. Thomas B, Croydon, 3.15.
Campsie Meth. the bye.

FIRST GRADE

		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Holy Trinity A	13	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Alex. Mission A	12	9	2	1	28	13	19	
St. Clements	13	8	3	2	25	16	18	
All Saints A	13	8	8	0	33	26	16	
Austens	10	5	4	1	14	18	11	
Drum. Bapt.	13	4	9	0	19	35	8	
Pymont Congs.	13	11	1	1	6	42	3	
St. Johns A	8	0	6	2	10	25	2	

SECOND GRADE

Lakemba Cong A	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
H. Pk. Congs	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Tempe Pk Meth.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Concord Meth.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
M'kville Pres.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Cant'bury Meth.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
M'kville Bapt.	13	12	0	1	64	4	25	
St. Andrews	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	

2nd GRADE

Campsie Meth A	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Botany Meth A	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
St Bartholomews	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Holy Trinity B	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Enmore K.S.P.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Alex Mission B	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
St Peters K.S.P.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
City Mission	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	

2nd GRADE

St. Aidans A	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
All Souls	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
Croydon Cong A	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
L'hardt Meth.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
St. Stephens	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
All Saints B.	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
St. Johns Glebe	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	
St. Albans	14	12	0	1	64	4	25	

KEEPING GOALS CUP FINAL

"The World's Worst
a famous English
this Entertaining

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well known that
mad, he replied
"Oh, you needn't
good goalkeepers."

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

ADAMSTOWN v. CORRIMAL.

AT NEWCASTLE.

CORRIMAL.

J. Jardine

1—A. Drucery 2—P. Critcher

3—A. Kerr 4—A. Crum 5—W. Harrigan

6—Lewis 7—V. Williamson 8—W. Young 10—W. Kerr

9—J. Suddick

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(Team not available at press).

ADAMSTOWN

Corrimal: 11—A. Rhodes; 12—N. Power.

Referee: A. W. Bates.

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 goalkeepers was a very
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 inspired it had seen a
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 these days. My team
 at Leeds, in Janu-
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 First Round Cup-tie.
 day! I believe the
 the linesmen consid-
 half an hour as
 start the match at
 howled, the snow
 and the thermometers
 trying to break their
 lower than they
 known to get.

confessing as I
 the ground half

an hour before the match was due
 to start, that I hoped to goodness
 the referee would prove weak-
 kneed and call the match off.
 Alas, this referee was no weak-
 ling, though some of us thought
 that he suffered from the com-
 plaint supposed to be peculiar to
 goalkeepers. Be that as it may,
 he decided that we had to play.
 And from his decision there was
 no appeal. You may say it was
 bad for all the players, with the
 snow driving across the field so
 that sometimes it was impossible
 to see from one end to the other.
 But the other fellows could run
 about to keep themselves warm.
 No such luck for the poor goal-
 keepers, however.

I can see myself now, pacing
 up and down that goal-line, with
 snow overhead and slush at my
 feet. I would blow on my hands
 occasionally, then do some arm-
 swinging exercise, and at each
 goalpost kick my boots against
 the woodwork to shake off the
 "patties," as they call them in
 Lancashire—meaning, of course,
 the snow which had collected on
 the soles of my boots. I think I
 stopped a few shots, though how
 I did it I don't know, because I
 was scarcely conscious of the pos-
 session of either hands or feet. I
 know, though, that I let two go
 past me, and that I should have
 saved one, except that I was
 struck in the slosh and could not
 move in time.

Even to the most terrible of all
 Cup-ties, however, there was what
 might be considered a silver lin-
 ing, from my point of view. In
 the first half, we fellows had
 played with the blizzard at our

backs. Five minutes after the
 interval, when we had to face the
 elements, the bravery of the re-
 feree oozed out and he called the
 game off. Talk about thankful!
 That day certainly made me think
 that goalkeeping is the world's
 worst job.

There are one or two other
 points about goalkeeping in big
 Cup-ties which I may allude to
 here. Everybody knows all about
 the tremendous excitement which
 is inevitably associated with all
 the big Cup games. It is in the
 air, everywhere. The players get
 it, too. But I want to suggest
 that the goalkeeper may get it
 worst of all—partly because of
 his peculiar position, and partly
 because of the nature of his job.

To take the latter point first.
 The goalkeeper's job is different
 from that of every other member
 of the team, inasmuch as he
 stands on his own as the last hope
 of his side, and that any mistake
 he makes may prove fatal—may
 mean exit from the Cup for his
 side. Blunders of forwards, half-
 backs, or full-backs can be passed
 over, because the direct effect is
 seldom seen plainly. But if the
 goalkeeper makes a blunder which
 costs his side a goal, it may prove
 a painful memory indeed. And
 the fact that there is nobody to
 remedy his mistakes might prove
 a big worry to a goalkeeper, un-
 less he possessed the right sort of
 temperaments.

Fancy standing beneath the
 bar, waiting for a high, dropping
 centre in a big Cup-tie, and feel-
 ing that perhaps the actual des-
 tination of the trophy depends on
 you clearing that high centre.
 Woe to the goalkeeper who, in
 that period of waiting which
 seems like hours, begins to think
 of the possibility of making a
 mistake. I fancy the goalkeeper
 feels the excitement and the im-
 portance of the occasion more
 than any other player, because
 the others are running about and
 doing things quickly.

Then the goalkeeper can't get
 away from the excited throng. He
 can hear their remarks, feel the
 excitement which is in the at-
 mosphere, and perhaps, if he
 makes a mistake, have to put up
 with the sarcasm which arises
 from their disappointment.

Of course, the job of goalkeep-
 ing has its compensations, but
 those must be written about at
 another time.

M.S.F.A.**To-day's Games.****STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Corrimal v Adamstown, Newcastle Tramway Ground, 3.15. Referee, A. W. Bates.
 Balgownie v Weston, Balgownie. Referee, C. R. Brown.
 Cessnock v Kurri Kurri, at Weston, 3.15. Referee, J. Nicholson.

METROPOLITAN-ILLAWARRA KNOCK-OUT.

Gladesville-Ryde v Annandale-Leichhardt, Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2. Referee, J. Lester. Linesmen, D. Brown and Ashby.

Premiership.

Eastern Suburbs v St. George, Easton Park, 3.15. Referee, G. M'Grath; linesmen, E. J. Martin and H. Battin.

Cronin Cup.

Balmain v Canterbury, Ibrox Pk., 3.15 p.m. Referee, W. Wright; linesmen, Cockwell and F. C. Packer.

Lincoln Cup.

Balmain v Eastern Suburbs, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, T. Anderson.

Gladesville-Ryde v Granville, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 1.45. Referee, J. Doidge.

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.**Premiership Final.**

Granville defeated Gladesville-Ryde 2—1.

State Championship.

Kurri Kurri defeated Eastern Suburbs 1—0.

Metropolitan-Illawarra Knock-out
 Balgownie defeated Corrimal 2—0.

Lincoln Cup.

Balmain defeated Canterbury 3—1.

Sunlight Cup Final.

Auburn defeated Sunlight 1—0.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	14	11	2	1	45	20	23
Gladesville	14	11	3	—	38	22	22
Canterbury	12	7	4	1	23	20	15
Balmain	12	7	6	—	21	15	14
Ann.-Leichhardt	14	5	8	1	21	31	11
St. George	13	2	8	3	20	28	7
E. Suburbs	13	3	9	1	19	34	7
Pymont	13	2	8	3	16	32	7

SUCCESS OF DISTRICT SCHEME.**Professionalism Fails.****(By Sirocco).**

Surely there never was so ominous a sign of the failure of the attempt to introduce professional Soccer as disclosed by a review of the gate receipts at the matches played under the breakaway Illawarra Association. The scheme was doomed to failure from its inception, because, primarily, it lacked the support of those associations who are concentrating on the establishment of clubs which will command public patronage by the quality of the game's exponents. The New South Wales public demand quality, not quantity.

To ensure success as professionals—or, amateurs for that matter—players must have real ability, uncommon talent, and be able to exploit the possibilities of artistic football. Good football has its cash value. It is well worth consideration in this regard that during the present season of district football Granville received as its share of the gates in the metropolitan premiership more than double that of any other club. Granville received £115/5/2, whilst Annandale is next with £50/2/6. This is a simple—perhaps humble—illustration of the possibilities of the future under the same capable control featured during the season now closing. Granville attracted attention and made its profit because the club possesses a capable eleven. If the whole of the eight clubs participating in the premiership were as adept as Granville, and had command of a home ground, it is reasonable to visual-

ise that instead of the dividing £562/8/5 that sum be doubled.

The essence of the comments is to suggest that present time is opportune for the promotion of unanimity among all organisations functioning for the advancement of the game.

Cause of Breakaway.

The root cause of the breakaways of the past was antagonism to the district of the Metropolitan Association. The corroding influence of football limited opportunities for the nourishment of aspirations, owing to the want of necessary finance to conduct legitimate activities of the game. The success of the district comes as a timely counter to substantiate the argument used by its sponsors at the induction. Mere antagonism and combativeness are not reasons for opposing a scheme which aims at the development of the game and the nourishment of eight strong clubs in the metropolis.

During the off season the best endeavour will be made by the officials of the New South Wales and Metropolitan Associations to secure the rehabilitation of the Illawarra, St. George, Ryde and Metropolitan Associations—the breakaway organisations. It is a matter of sufficient moment that ought to be given some consideration by the members of the associations named. The outlook for the future is brighter if it requires the united action of the officials to attain the highest pinnacle of success. Can they the initiative to accept this golden opportunity?

APPEAL FAILS

Pymont's appeal against the decision of the M.S.F.A. Management Committee regarding the judged forfeit of its match with Granville was heard last night by a special general meeting of the Association. The appeal was unsuccessful. Granville will accordingly play Gladesville-Ryde.